

KEEPING PACE WITH SPORTING EVENTS

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Baseball
War Now
Impends

Hickey Opposes New League, While Several A. A. Moguls Favor Merger With International—Project Hangs Fire—Association Adjourns Until Tomorrow.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 13.—Not since the days Ban Johnson brought the American League into existence has baseball faced such a war as is impending here in the land of the famous mint julep.

Four cities in the International League and four cities in the American Association are threatening to quit their organizations and combine as a new major league of lower classification than the American and National circuits.

Baseball fans have been led to think that this move was all out and sealed. We thought that the four Association and the four International clubs that were to be left out in the cold had agreed to such a move. We thought they were willing to concede this shift because it would save them money.

But it is not so. The eight clubs that were to be ousted have rebelled. They refuse to quit and insist that they will carry their fight to the highest courts in the land. Trouble such as baseball has never before witnessed is threatening, and before a final settlement is reached the national game is likely to suffer its most severe shock.

The four International League clubs to be thrown out are not likely to make the fight that is sure to come from the quartet of losers in the American Association.

President Hickey is leading the fight for the association. He sees his own position further away in the future as Ed Barrow is sure to lead the new organization. And Hickey, who is a mighty good two-faced snapper, the association met yesterday for two hours and then adjourned until Wednesday afternoon. Immediately after this session Hickey announced:

"There will be no third major league. The American Association next year will be made up of the same eight clubs that represented it in the past season."

Associate later owner Wathen, of the local club, said:

"Hickey is crazy. There will be a third major league and Louisville, Indianapolis, Columbus and Toledo will quit the American Association to join Buffalo, Toronto, Newark and Baltimore."

Barrow is here, but he is not yet ready to give out a statement, excepting that he is positive the new organization will go through and that he will lead it. He denies that it will be named the Union League. Ban Johnson is not here, and neither is Governor Tamm. But the National Commission is ably represented by Chairman Garry Herrmann.

Both Tamm and Johnson are expected to arrive here shortly after the six successful Association and four successful International League clubs "break" and go into session for the formation of the new circuit.

The St. Louis Cardinals, manager of the pennant winning Cardinals club of the American Association, was the "college graduate with a degree" that Branch Rickey, president of the St. Louis Nationals, sought to succeed Miller Huggins as manager of the St. Louis club, was one of the big surprises of the day.

After opening preliminary negotiations with Hendricks, Rickey suddenly withdrew his offer yesterday.

James C. McGill, president of the Indianapolis club, was credited with having blocked the deal because of his demands to be reimbursed for his loss. Rickey, according to McGill, offered players in return for Hendricks' contract, which has two more years to run.

He didn't quite fill the bill, however, and was given a railroad ticket to Newark. After bearing it with the blame for some time, he was recalled to the McGraw club and shared in the world's series megalomania in 1911 and 1912.

He was shipped to Cincinnati in 1913, but was sold to the Phillies, who swapped him to the Braves in time for Josh to horn in on the series cake in 1914. In 1915, Josh spent the summer with the Ohio State League. He was manager of the club which started in Chillicothe, but which was later transferred to Huntington and then to Mayville, Ky.

Devore won the second season pennant for Mayville, but lost in the playoffs with Portsmouth. In 1916 Josh started in a Philadelphia uniform, but Pat Moran separated him from the payroll in April. Josh then made a short stay in Milwaukee, but in mid-season the Brewers released him to Toledo. Otherwise Josh has been a quiet and uneventful career.

OMAR KHAYYAM
BEATEN IN BOWIE
BY WESTY HOGAN

Pimlico Race Track, Nov. 13.—Westy Hogan beat his stable mate, Omar Khayyam, in the Bowie Handicap at one mile and a half here yesterday afternoon.

The three-year-old brown son of Dick Fennell—Carrie Jones, which Wilfred Vial bought from John O. Whitlow for \$20,000 at Saratoga Springs last August, showed that he was something more than a sprinter, too, for picking up 120 pounds, he broke with the track and led his field by open daylight to the winning post, lowering the track record for the distance 2-1/2 seconds, in doing it. His time was 2:31.4.

There were few thrills to the race beyond the dazzling pace set by Westy Hogan and the thrilling rush at the end of Omar Khayyam for A. K. Macomber's good filly Sunbonnet trained in six lengths behind the Vial pair, while the other ten starters were strung out along the course like lamp posts on a country road.

The lightly weighted Fairy Wand, which finished second to Omar Khayyam in the Walden, chased Westy Hogan most of the way, with Walnut Hill third and Butwell rating Omar in fourth place.

At the mile and a quarter Walnut Hall dropped out of it, but the Star Shoot filly hung on gamely. Turning into the stretch she began to weaken and Suh Bonnet made her bid.

Here Butwell made his move on Omar Khayyam and the good son of Marco responded gamely despite his 130 pound impost. Surging forward he won his stablemate down, but was beaten a length at the end.

There were many in the crowd that thought it a pity that Westy Hogan was not eased up at the end of the race, but he was beaten by the greater honor could have gone to Omar Khayyam. However, the two of them won \$5,500 of the \$10,000 purse for Mr. Vial.

PRINCETON LACKING
IN FOOTBALL SPIRIT

For the first season in so many years that the memory of men runneth not back that far, Princeton is a football team. Not alone because there is no varsity eleven in Tigerland, but because there isn't even the semblance of the true old football spirit in its confines. Despite the fact that Princeton has been able to get together what it calls an informal team for one game and that the eleven probably will play one more contest, there isn't as much football spirit in all of Princeton as there is in one dormitory at Yale.

Until last Saturday we had an idea that Princeton really wanted a varsity team, if it harbors any such desire it is managing to camouflage it in expert style. If Princeton, depended on upper class men for its informal eleven, there would be none. The one game played was made possible by the addition of graduates, and yet no one can make us believe that there are not enough football players among the undergraduates to fill at least two elevens. The Princeton freshmen who played their last game last Saturday and took a fine beating from the late, in Crimson disappointed greatly. The Tiger cubs' showing against Exeter led Fred Dawson had a better than average freshman team, but that impression was quickly dispelled last Saturday.

Old Princeton Fauts.

There was something about the Princeton freshman aggregation that reminded us strongly of Princeton varsity teams of recent years. For one thing the generalship of the "fresh" was something beyond understanding. They tried forward passes deep in their own territory and did not seem able to make that play either, with the result that invariably a Harvard lad was right there to intercept the pass and leave the Crimson in a bad position for a drive on the goal line. The Tiger cubs fumbled atrociously. Their interference, particularly down the field, was weak. They kicked when they should not have kicked and vice versa. They showed little real football instinct, but they did develop a highly commendable attribute. In the second half they fought like real tigers. In fighting qualities they perhaps had a little something on their opponents.

Harvard's lads showed the ability to follow the ball closely, to take advantage quickly of mistakes, to keep on their toes all the time. Wales, an oral galling gun, will be heard from on the Harvard varsity. He is a working good quarter right now. Hamilton and Humphrey are fine backs, while Frothingham and Faxon appear to be the best of the line-men.

PINEHURST MEDAL
WINNER DEFEATED

Pinehurst, S. C., Nov. 13.—Clarence Hobart of New York, who won the medal in the qualifying round of the Carolina golf tournament, was defeated yesterday in the first match round by Franklin Gates of Broadacres, 3 up and 1 to play.

The first match round was completed in all divisions, the other survivors who will go into the semi-finals to-day being H. G. Phillips of Yonkers, S. A. Hennnessy of Cooperstown and J. D. Armstrong of Groton, N. Y.

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Ribbons To
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Bronx Five

John Leavy Will Open Professional Basketball Season at Colonial Hall In This City Tonight—Visitors Will Feature Reich, Muller and Leonard.

Mayor Wilson is becoming quite popular these days. In fact, more so every day. "A week ago he was elected to a fourth term. Sunday he was master of ceremonies, so to speak, at the Army-Chain football game at Newfield park. Tonight he will officially open the professional basketball season at Colonial hall.

The opposing teams will be John Leavy's crack Blue Ribbons quintet and the famous Bronx team of New York. Manager Leavy has become renowned throughout eastern basketball circles during the past five years for the quality of players he has succeeded in gathering together under his standard. Not a season has passed since he started basketball at Colonial hall that the Blue Ribbons haven't been represented by the greatest players in the country, and there are few teams that have taken their measure in a series of games. Defeat for the Ribbons occurs only semi-occasionally.

To open this season Leavy is standing pat on the array of players he finished last season with. Clinton and White will play the two forward positions, Harvey will be a tower of strength at center, and Murray and Swenson will guard the basket. Any team that outplays these five will know it's been in a real battle before the final whistle blows.

Opposed to the above on the Bronx team will be Reich and Muller at forwards, Leonard at center, and Lamb and Berger at guards.

It is seldom that ten as speedy men are gathered on the floor together at one time, and the battle which is sure to take place will be a treat for the fans.

A preliminary game will be played, starting at 7:45 o'clock and the main game will go on at 8:30 o'clock. As in the past there will be dancing at the conclusion of hostilities.

Harry Wallum will referee and Joe Waters will act as scorer and timer.

The Line-up follows:

Blue Ribbons. Bronx.

Clinton, rf. Is. Barger.

White, lf. Is. Lamb.

Harvey, c. Is. Leonard.

Murray, lg. Is. Muller.

Swenson, rg. Is. Reich.

NEW YORK CLUBS TO
BID FAREWELL NOV.
15 TO FRAWLEY LAW

New York, Nov. 13.—Patrons of the Broadway Sporting club will tonight start their last chance to attend a bout in that club under the more or less beneficial control of the Frawley law. To be sure John Weismann has arranged a card for Saturday night, when patrons will have a chance to witness boxing under the membership plan. However, as there seems to be a general desire to be present at the demise of the Frawley law there will doubtless be a large crowd in attendance tonight when Billy Miske and Jack Dillon crawl through the ropes. Miske already has beaten Dillon at that club.

The Pioneer Sporting club will also stage a "Frawley Law Farewell" tonight. Marty Cross and Walter Launette will cuff each other in one bout, while Walter Mohr and Paul Doyle will just in the other.

Michael O'Dowd will be opposed tomorrow night at the Clermont Sporting club by Al McCoy. Patrons of boxing have wished the title on every man who has faced McCoy for several years past, but the smile and the title have always been the Brooklynite's at the close of the combats.

Harry Pollok sends word that Freddie Welsh, who has frequently complained that the beating he received from Benny Leonard was not severe enough, is eager to wager \$5,000 on the outcome of another contest with the champion. If there is any record that Welsh ever wagered so much on an English tuppence on any ring battle in which he engaged the fact has escaped our attention.

Pollok adds that Welsh has been seeking closely to agricultural pursuits in Jersey, and there is ground for the belief that if the Briton will continue tilling the earth and avoid waging fabulous amounts he will not be dragged from obscurity by the patrons of the ring industry.

Today in Pugilistic Annals

1905—Johnny Coulton defeated Danny Goodman in three rounds at Chicago.

1908—Ad Wolgast defeated Bub Robinson in ten rounds at Los Angeles.

1910—Frankie Conley and Abe Attell fought a fifteen-round draw in New Orleans.

1911—Grover Hayes outpointed Frankie Burns in ten rounds at New Orleans.

FRENCH AND DUTCH BULBS
JUST ARRIVED
JOHN RECK & SON

:: OVER THE TOP ::

Colonial hall, the scene of many a historical basketball battle, will again tonight be populated by fervid followers of the great indoor sport. If there is one sport more than another that develops a white-hot fan, it is basketball. If you don't believe it, just drop around to Colonial hall any Tuesday night from now on for the balance of the season, and listen to the noise that emanates from the throats of 1,000 wildly excited f. t. of the game. The line forms to the right; don't crowd.

In view of what happened to the soldier boys Sunday President Wilson should send the Chains against the Germans in case of trouble.

We hear unofficially that Tom Thorpe, New York sporting writer and editor of the "Sporting News," is in active competition for the first time in 10 years. He was a decade ago one of the most industrious players in the world, and was competing against the leaders in the line game. He was playing a game with Glauco in Paris when a sudden attack of neuritis in his right arm deprived him of the use of that member, and he was compelled to finish the game with his left hand. Two years ago he recovered the use of his arm and now is playing with his customary skill.

Headline of Farmer Sports page yesterday. "GLASSER DEFEATS ANOTHER ELBOWY." Until our attention was called to it by "one of the boys" in the composing room after the sheet had gone to press, we weren't aware that the Glasser boasted such a powerful combination. It was, however, charitable to the Winchester.

Tom Cowler, western heavyweight, and Willie Meehan of California will be featured in a 12-round bout at the Armory A. A. in Boston tonight, a setting for the Levinsky-Brennan bout originally scheduled. An injury to Brennan's hand prevented his appearance. Cowler is managed by Al Lippe, who formerly guarded the affairs of California Willie.

We opine, by the way, that Lippe is a very appropriate name for a fight manager.

Talk Of Sports

Big league players who have contracts for next year may consider the chances of the money policy is getting to result in a lot of pruning all around.

The hearts of the fans in Syracuse are beating high. There are all sorts of rumors that the Syracuse club will be represented in the international league next season. This would fulfill an ambition cherished in Syracuse for a long time.

Considerable interest is being taken in the East in the attempt to revive the ancient Scottish game of curling. At a recent meeting in New York the matter was taken up by the International Skating Union with Louis Rubenstein, Acting Mayor of Montreal and president of the St. Andrew Curling club of that city. Negotiations are now under way to stage a series of matches between clubs from these two cities.

Legalized boxing seems doomed in New York, and, naturally, a lot of suggestions are being heard that will enable the fans to get around the law. A number of clubs operating under the club membership plan are thinking of cutting the number of rounds down from ten to six, but this plan is frowned upon by the old timers who consider that the reduction of the present limit will be disastrous to the development of the sport.

Philadelphia, where the limit is six rounds, is pointed to as an example. Despite the fact that city swarms with fighters, it can only lay claim to having produced one man of championship material. That man was Philadelphia Jack O'Brien.

PENN TURNS TO MICHIGAN GAME

Philadelphia, Nov. 13.—The Pennsylvania team came out of the game with Dartmouth in good condition, and while one of the men sustained several bruises and there was the usual number of minor hurts, it did not prevent the regulars from reporting yesterday at the field for practice.

Bob Folwell gave the team a talk yesterday and announced that scrimmages would be held every day. Folwell does not intend to add any new plays to his repertoire for the Michigan game. He will bend all energies to perfecting those that have already been tried out and found effective. Forward passing and better defense for such plays will take up much of the practice from now until Saturday.

Dr. Wharton will continue his work with the linemen, but gave the men a rest yesterday. He was well satisfied with the showing of the linemen in the Dartmouth game, and says the only thing needed is to correct a few faults that were noticeable in the game at Boston.

More attention will be given to getting the men in best possible condition than to football. Folwell knows the Wolverines to be a strong team, a fast lot, and feels that it is more important to have his men in fine physical condition than it is to drill them long and hard at football.

Berry was yesterday put to work on drop kicking. His punting has been first class, but he has been rather erratic in kicking goals from the field. He showed up well yesterday with several goals from the 40-yard line.

Owners of Atlantic coast ships conferred with the Shipping Board in Washington in regard to chartering rates.

COCHRAN LEADS
BILLIARD MATCH
WITH HOWISON

New York, Nov. 13.—Welker Cochran, the youthful balkline expert from the bounding West, last night won the opening block of his 2,000 points match with Leonard Howison, a veteran player, by the decisive score of 400 to 225 in a rather one-sided contest. The match is at 18.2 balkline.

The youngster rather took the interest out of the night's contest by rolling up a brilliant cluster of 103 buttons in his first inning, and performing with such mastery skill thereafter that he had accumulated 253 points in his first six innings for an average of 42. This high powered travelling by the Westerner left Howison well in the background and out of the running so far as that particular block was concerned.

Yet the large and appreciative crowd that gathered in Howison's rooms to see the match enjoyed the tilt from an artistic viewpoint and also for the courageous effort made by the veteran in the closing innings of play.

Kiss that deprived Howison of the opening shot may have had something to do with his poor start. He won the bank and played perfectly for the ball on the spot. Just as the cue ball bumped the second object ball the red gently caressed the player's ball and the shot was missed. As the balls were left in position for cumulative counting, and as Cochran got the spheroids working in an oily manner and never let up till he had collected 103 buttons, it can readily be understood that it was a disastrous kiss for the veteran.

It may have been the moral effect of the big run, or the rust that resulted from a decade of non-competitive billiards, but whatever the cause Howison was unable to get started. He seemed to be fighting the ivories and in his first eight frames he managed to gather but 90 points, for an average of 11 3-4, as against 79 points for Cochran and an average of over 34.

The balls also broke badly for Howison, and he did not begin to play close billiards till the final seven frames, when he got the ivories rolling and helped his average materially.

Cochran's game was quite up to his excellent average. He did not play the line nurse, which is his strong point, as well as usual, but his position play was remarkably good and his accuracy of stroke could hardly have been improved on. Some of his main shots when the balls were in a difficult position were loudly applauded.

The performance of the youth strengthened the opinion of the on-lookers that he is an essentially called on to meet Champion Hoppe.

At the same time it was predicted that Howison will play much stronger in the remaining games of the match. The score by innings:

Cochran—103, 14, 29, 21, 13, 72, 14, 12, 7, 35, 0, 7, 21, 46, 7, 400.

High Runs—103, 72, 46. Average, 26 10-15.

Howison—0, 20, 0, 17, 6, 42, 0, 5, 22, 8, 4, 0, 7, 12, 33. Total, 225.

High Runs—48, 42, 31. Average, 15.

Referee—Albert G. Cutler.

BOXING IN CLUBS
WITHIN THE LAW

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 13.—While in Buffalo yesterday to speak before the American Federation of Labor, Gov. Whitman in a newspaper interview gave his views on the subject of the future of boxing in the State as follows:

"There is no law against boxing in this State."

"There is nothing to prevent boxing bouts either in legitimate clubs or in one's home for that matter."

"Where bouts are conducted in legitimate clubs for members of the organization there can be no objection, provided the contests are held in an orderly manner."

"I see no reason why legitimate clubs should not have boxing."

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Reds May
Out Pace
New York

Matty May Develop Club of Enough Strength to Carry Off National League Pennant Next Year — Needs Second Baseman and Two or Three Good Pitchers.

Of all the clubs in the National League, the Giants can best afford to stand pat on its present make up next season. All the other clubs will have to strengthen to give McGraw's team a battle for the pennant, and, judging from last year's performances on the Tanager circuit, it is still doubtful if any club will be able to stop the New York club journey to another pennant.

The club which seems to have the best chance will be Christy Mathewson's Cincinnati Reds.

When Miller Huggins, now manager of the Yankees, was in St. Louis, the Cards gave the Reds an unlimited amount of trouble. While there was much joy here in New York over the engagement of Huggins as the Yankee manager, there was even more joy in Cincinnati over his leaving St. Louis. Cincinnati figures that without the foxy and aggressive Huggins the Cardinals will be easy picking for Matty's club next season.

Cincinnati gave the Giants more trouble than any one club in last year's pennant race, and if Matty can strengthen his club in a few spots it is likely to give McGraw even more trouble next year. In the outfield Matty can stand pat, and his infield is all right except at second. He needs a stronger second baseman, and will evidently have one before the season begins.

Mathewson also hopes to strengthen his pitching staff. His right handers delivered the goods satisfactorily, and what the Cincinnati leader is now gunning for is a good left-hander, or he could use a couple of right-handers. With the gap in the infield filled, and with strong left-handers to help out, Mathewson would not be afraid of the Giants or any other club. New York fans are likely to regard next season's race as something of a certainty, but it would be well for them to wait a while and see how Matty begins the season before becoming too confident.

When Cincinnati wound up the baseball season by winning the Ohio series from Cleveland, which at the end of the season was generally regarded as being stronger even than the Chicago White Sox, the hopes of Cincinnati fans soared to great heights over next year's prospects. Cincinnati fans have a bad habit of winning pennants during the winter months, but this year they have more reason to bank their hopes on great accomplishments than ever before.

There has been some talk of trouble between McGraw and Herzog and that the fiery second baseman would make a move next season. Cincinnati would give almost anything to have Herzog back at second base in Redland, but gossip of the McGraw-Herzog feud is not taken seriously here, and as he has a long-term contract with the New York club, it is not likely that McGraw will break up his winning combination.

Mathewson believes that in Bresler he has a left-hander who is going to do something next year. Bresler was at one time with the Athletics, but last season showed great improvement in the Southern Association.

The Phillies do not appear to be strong enough to give the Giants as much opposition as last season. The combination in Philadelphia is growing old and is naturally slowing up. Pat Moran will have to strengthen his club in speed, but it is unlikely that he will be able to improve enough to make much trouble.

Although unsuccessful in the world's series, McGraw still has confidence in his team. Next year he will have Ross Young to strengthen the outfield, and it will be hardy necessary to add a utility player or two to strengthen the secondary defense. McGraw, during the last season, was weak in second string players and pinch hitters, but he was fortunate in going through the season without serious injuries. His outfield was able to go through the season without a change, which is rather unusual while the injuries to Herzog and McGraw were the only serious setbacks he encountered.

THIRD SULLIVAN-
RYAN CONTEST

On Nov. 13, 1886, thirty-one years ago today, John L. Sullivan knocked out Paddy Ryan in the third round at San Francisco. This was the third and last meeting between the two great Irish fighters. Ryan was champion of America when he first met the "Boston Strong Boy" at Mississippi City in 1882. Paddy was knocked out in the ninth round and John L. became the king of American pugilism. Ryan tried to regain his lost laurels at New York in 1885, but the police stopped the bout before it had fairly started. They were then matched by San Francisco club, but poor old Paddy was only a bit for the victorious John L. Ryan fought only one more battle. This was against Joe McAuliffe in New York and Paddy was whipped. Ryan hailed originally from Tipperary, but settled in Troy, N. Y., where he died. He attained the championship in 1880 by whipping Joe Goss in a terrific eighty-seven round battle at Collier's Stadium, W. Va.

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